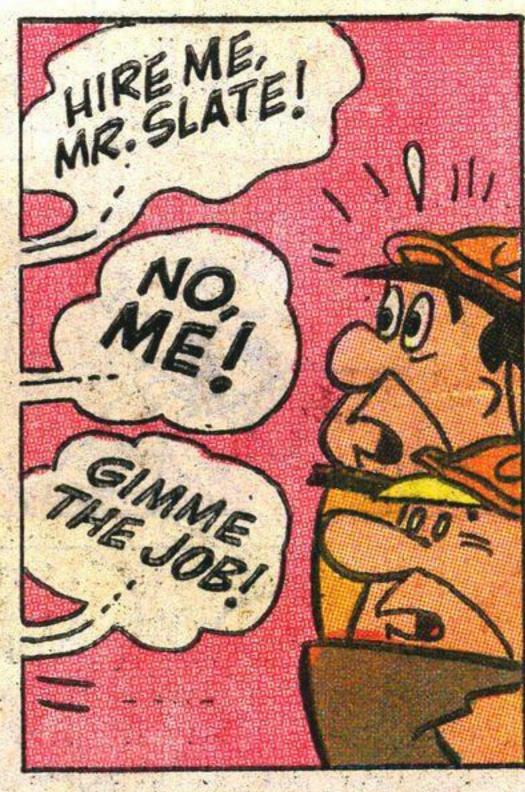


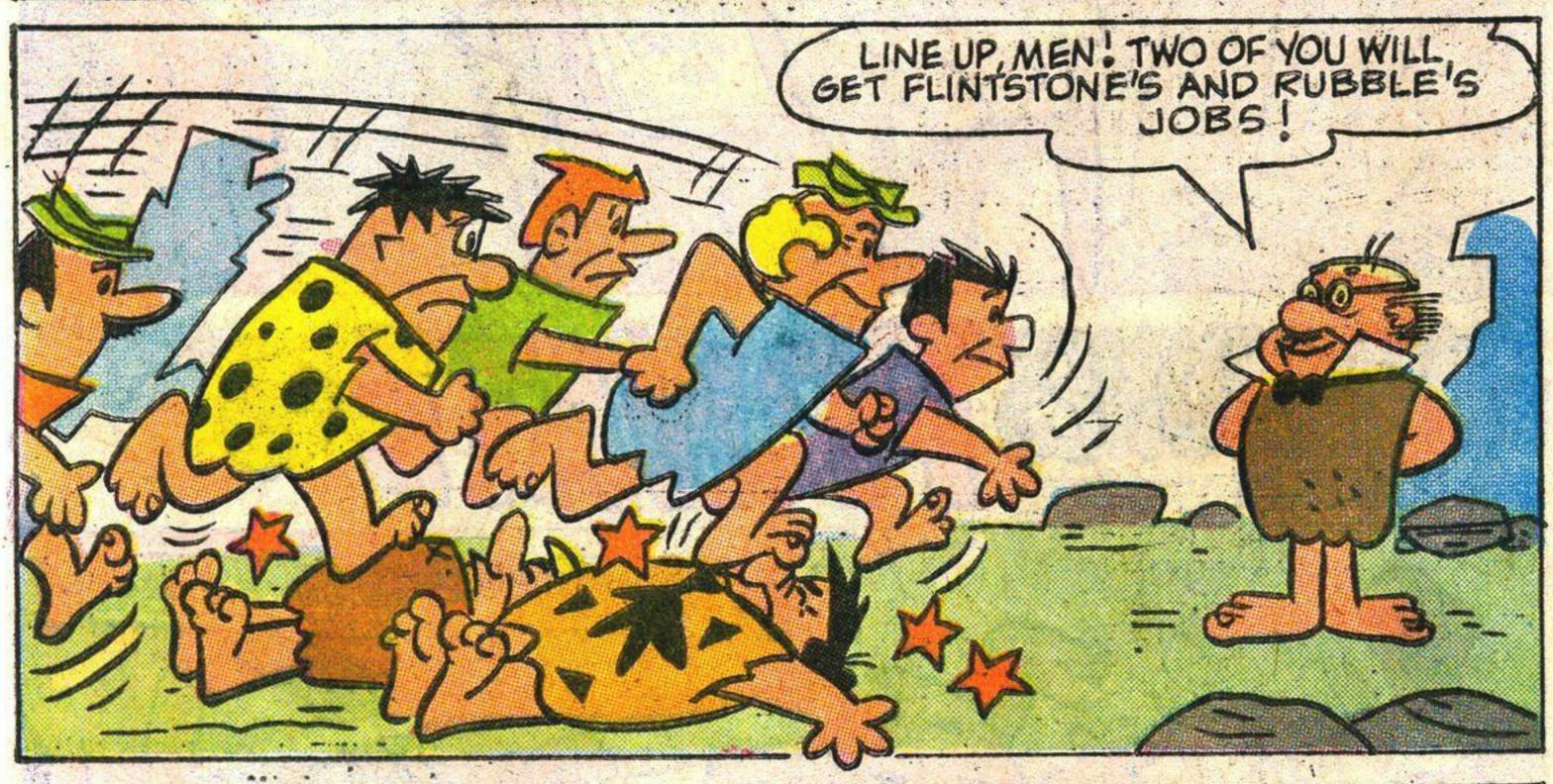


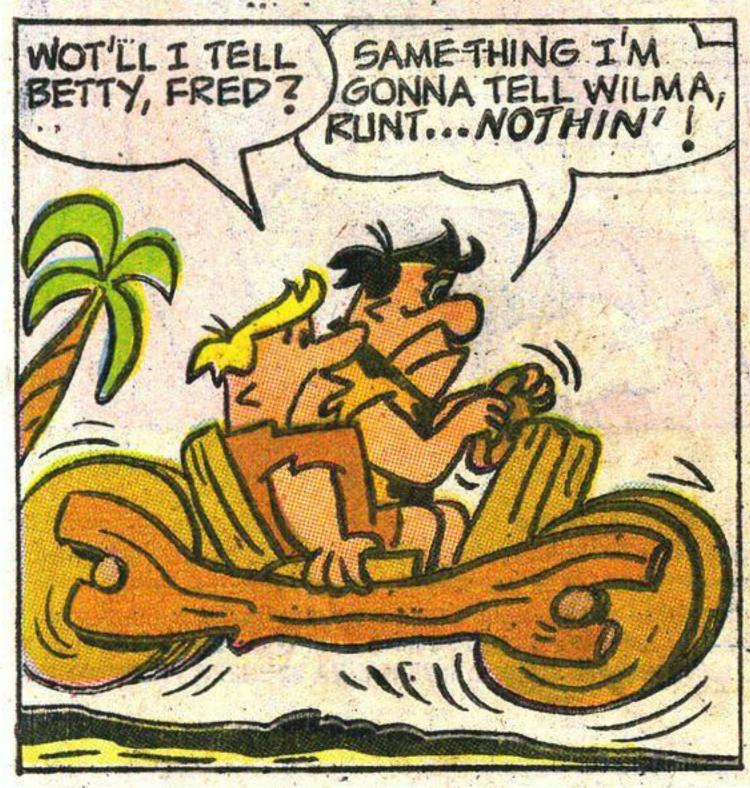
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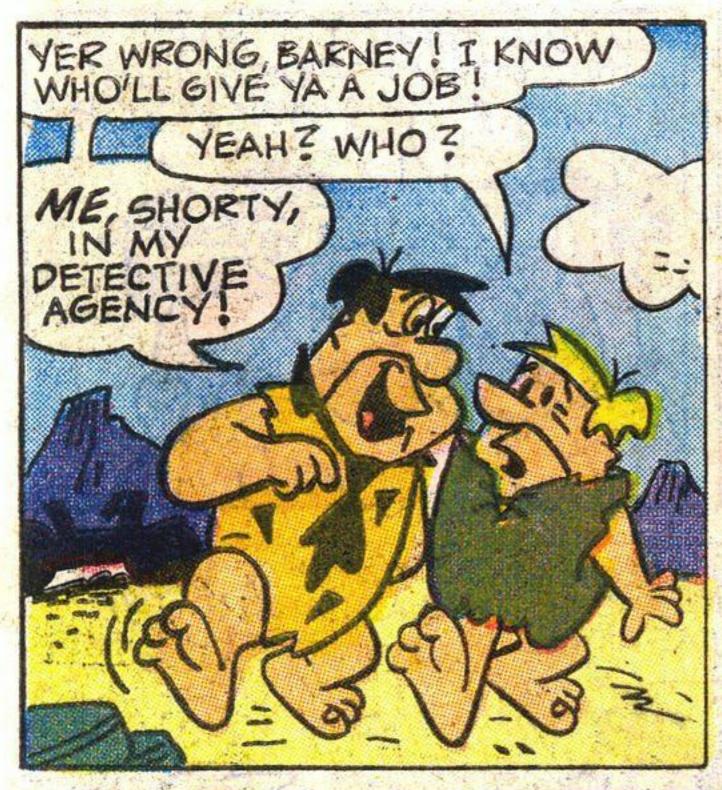


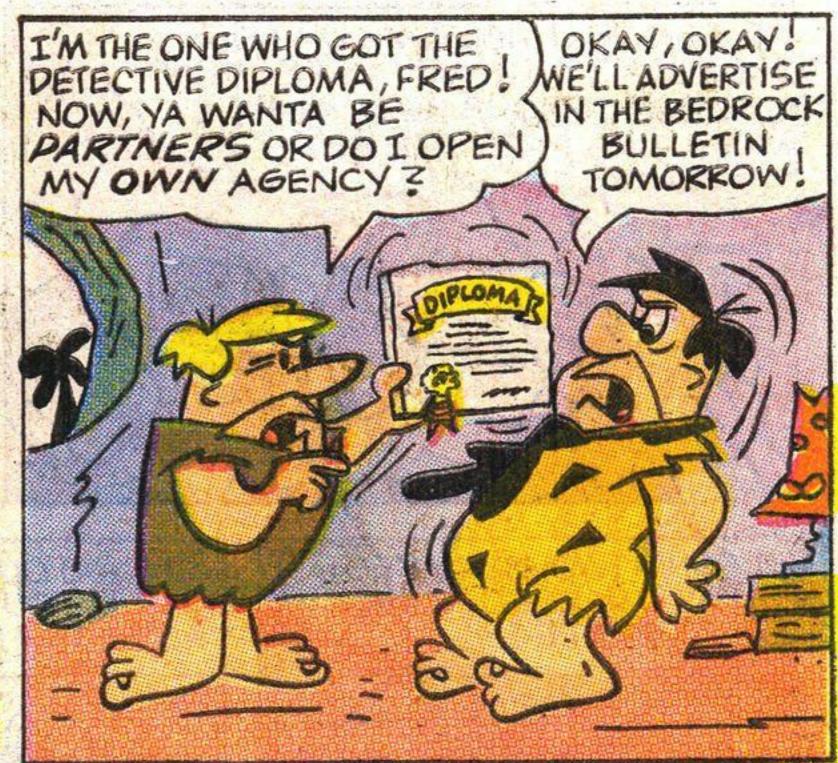




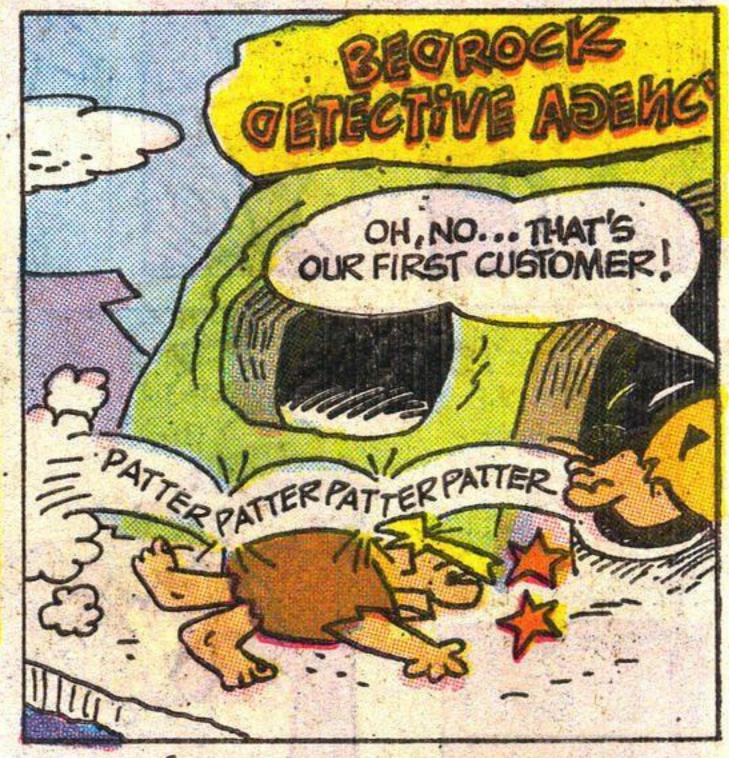




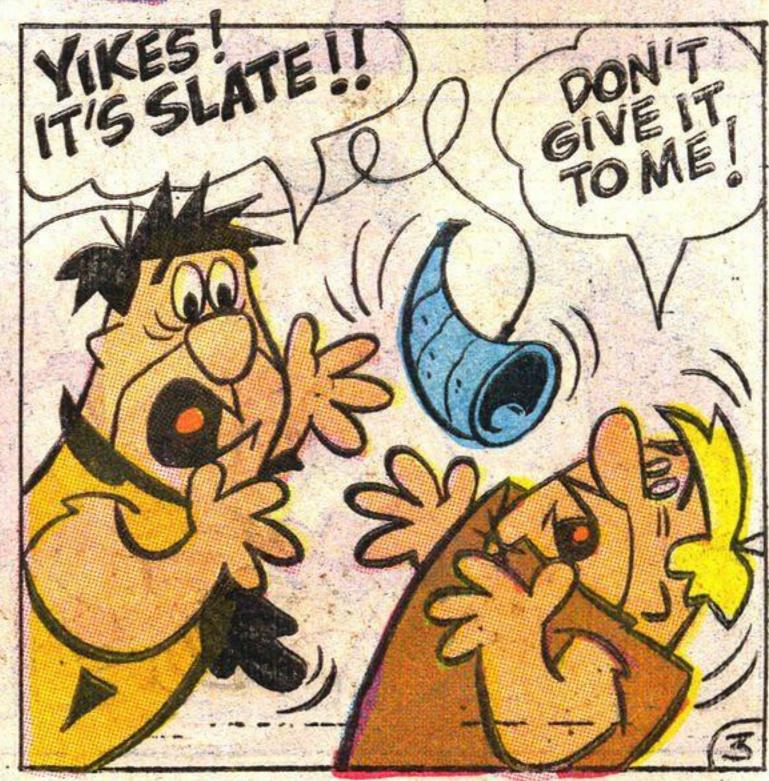




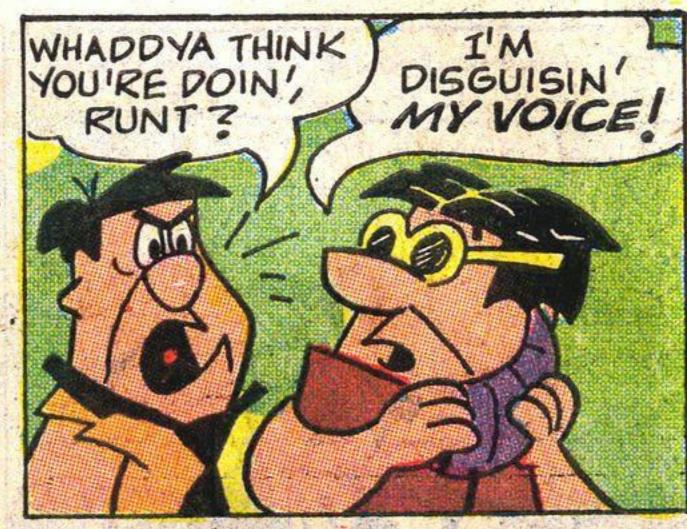




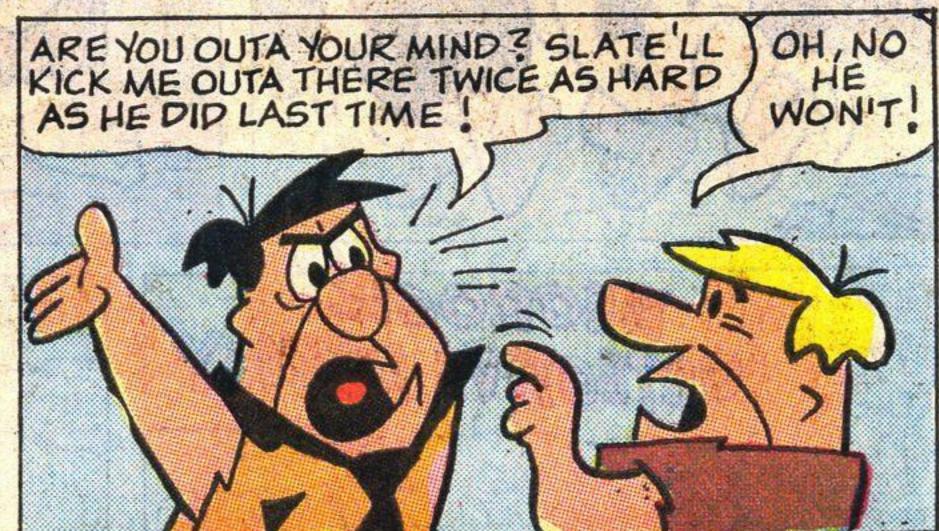






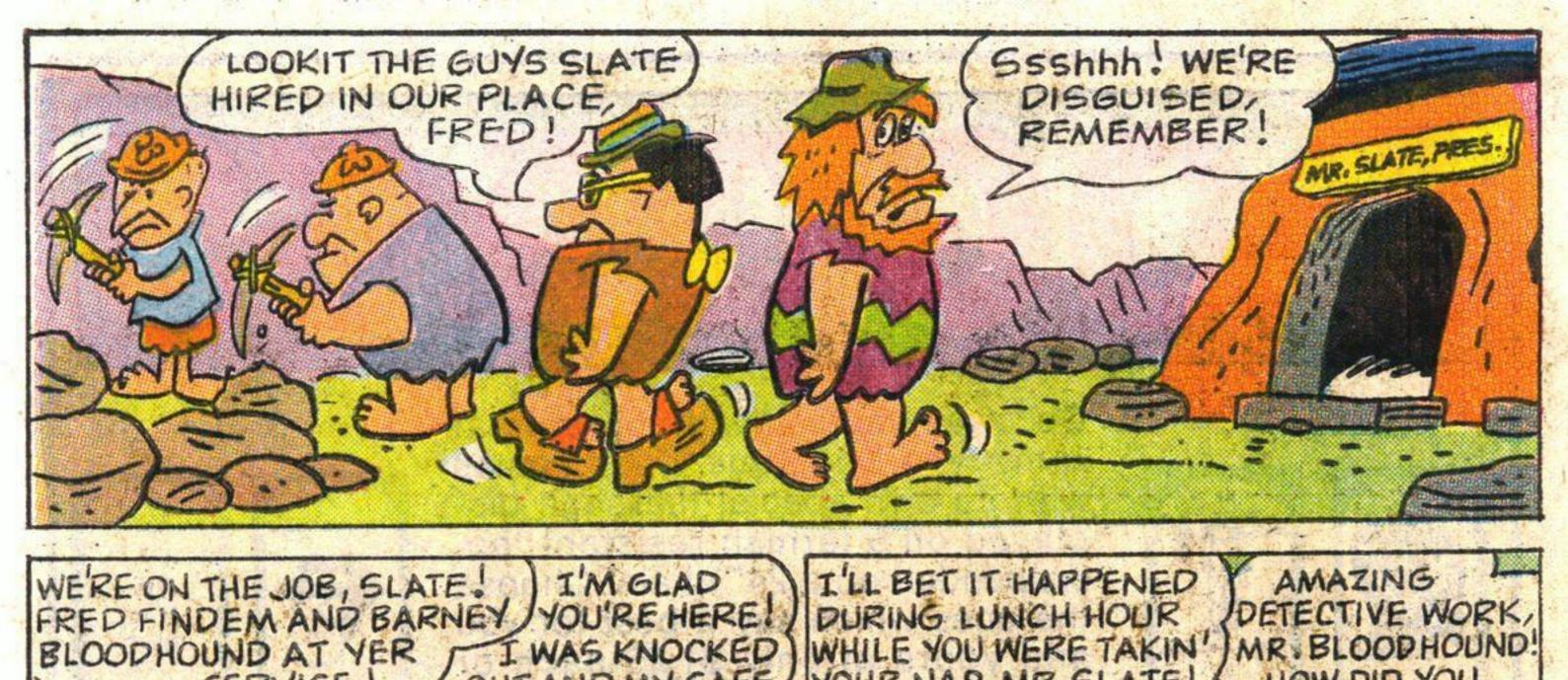




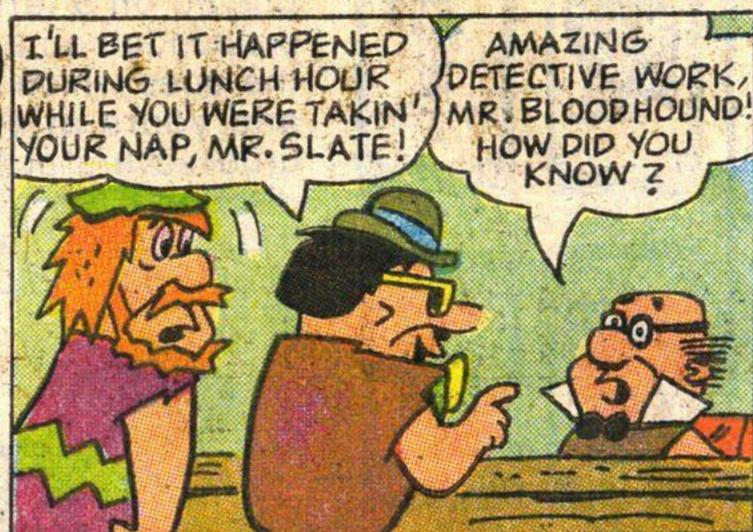


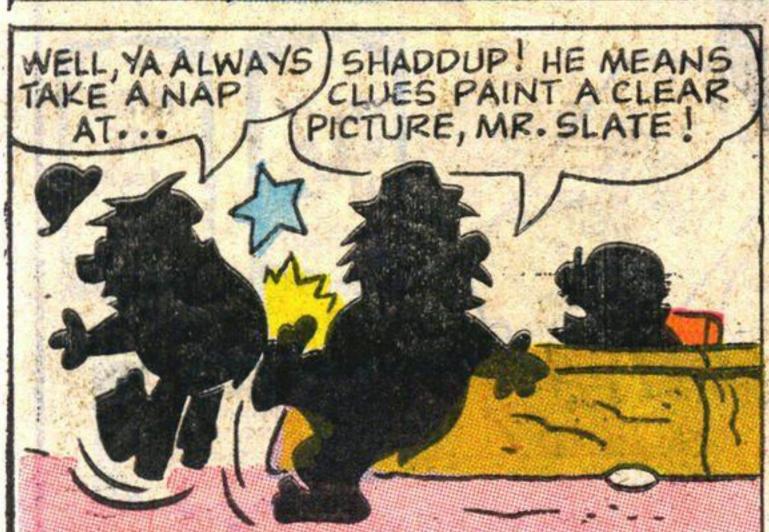






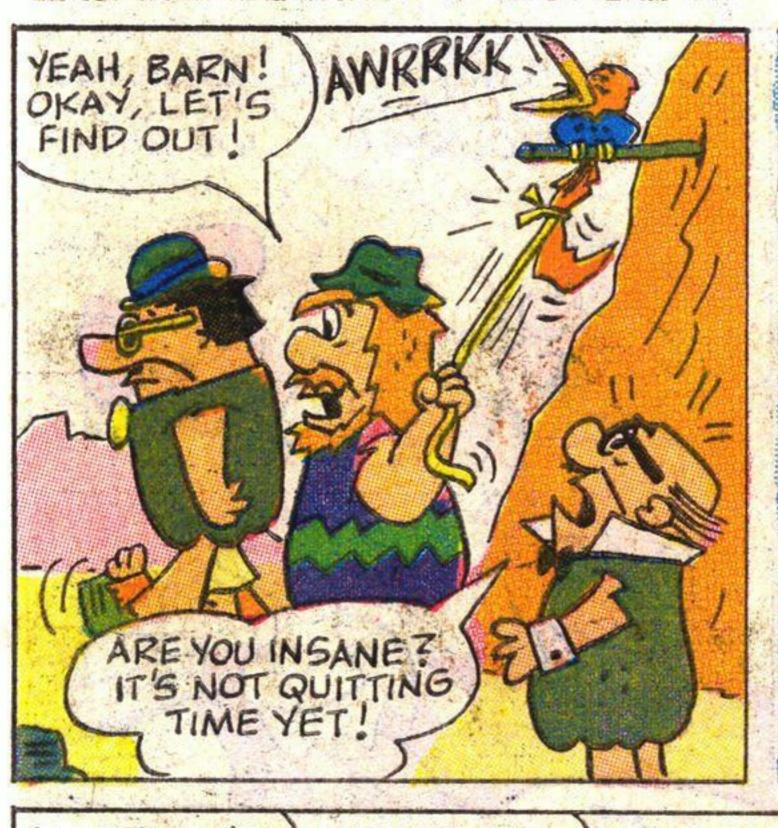










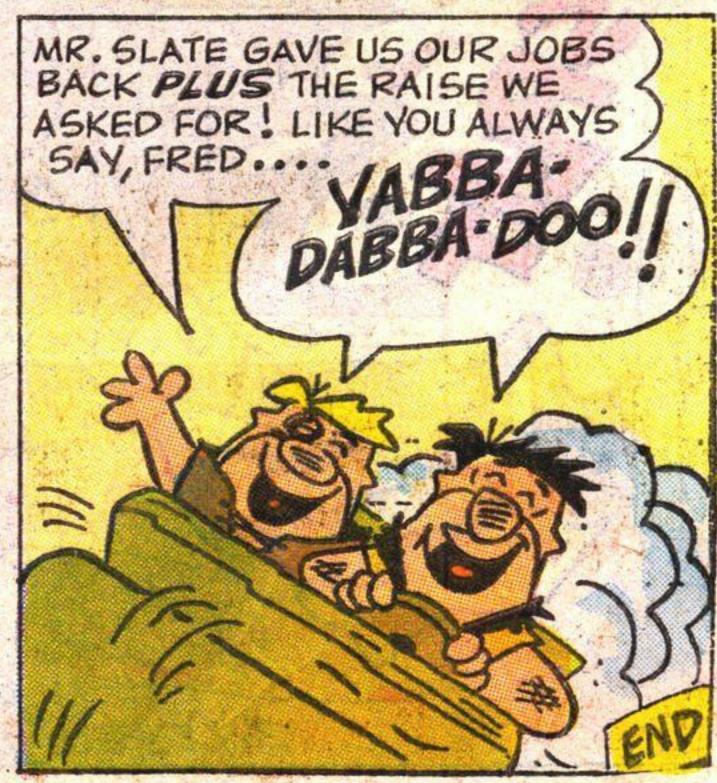




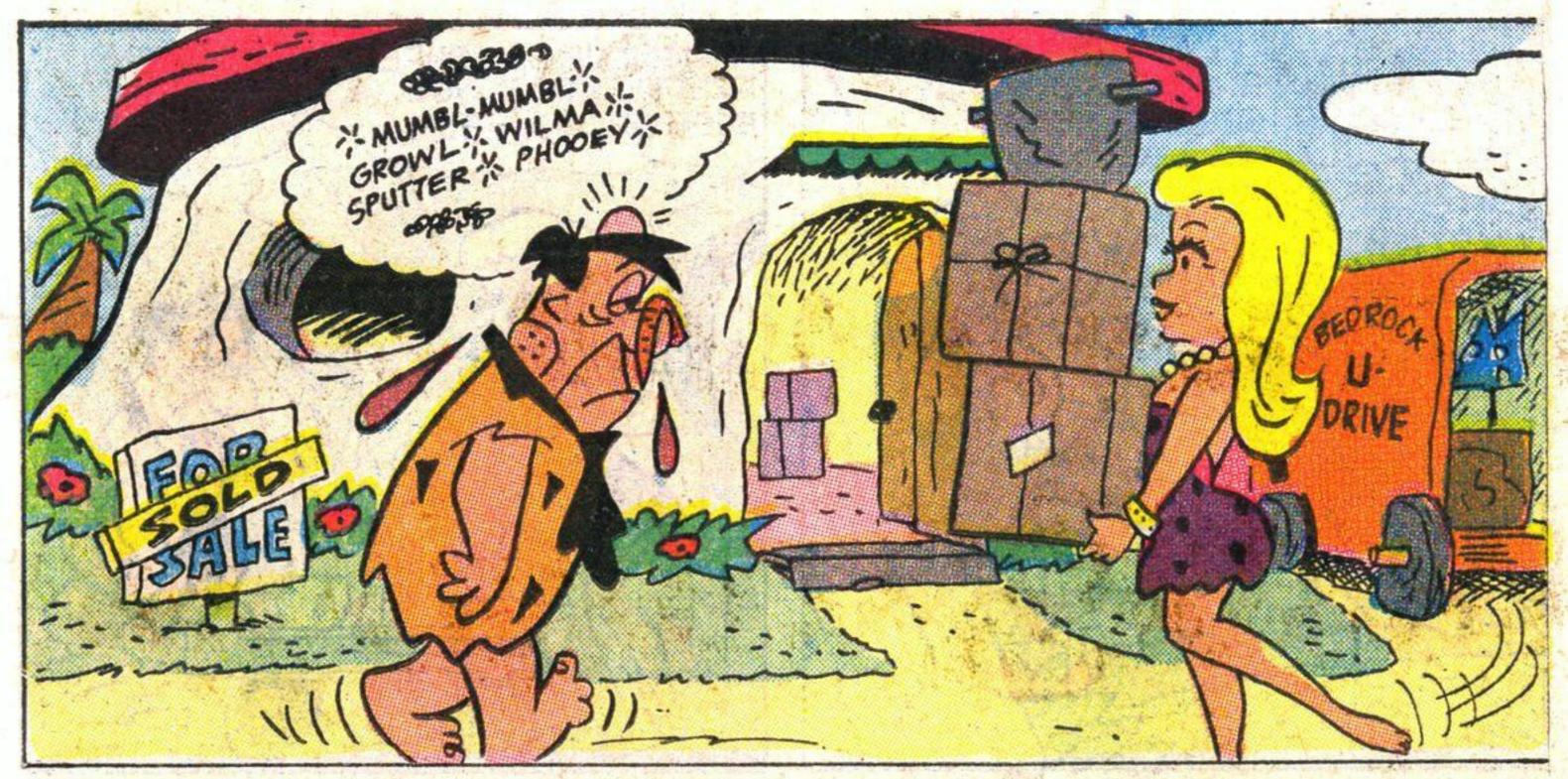


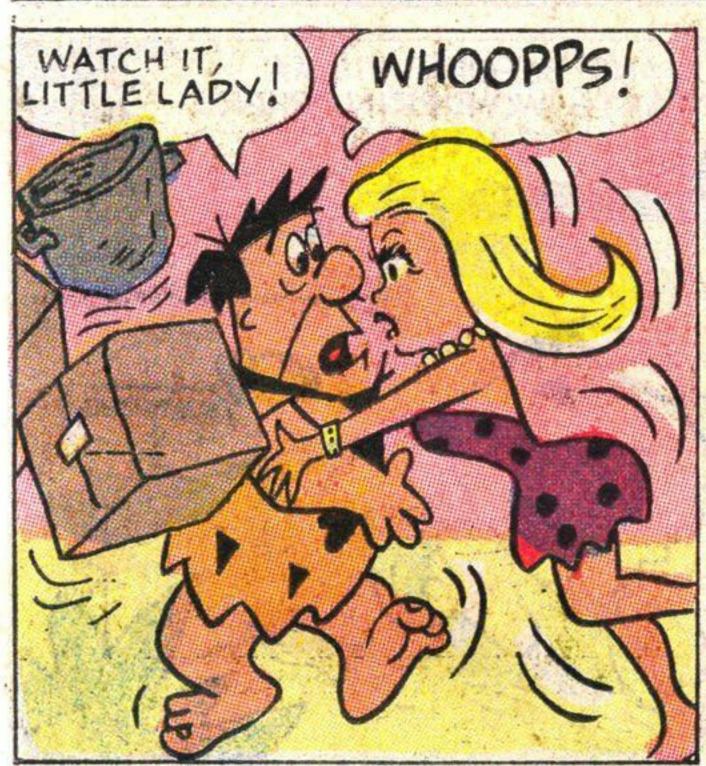




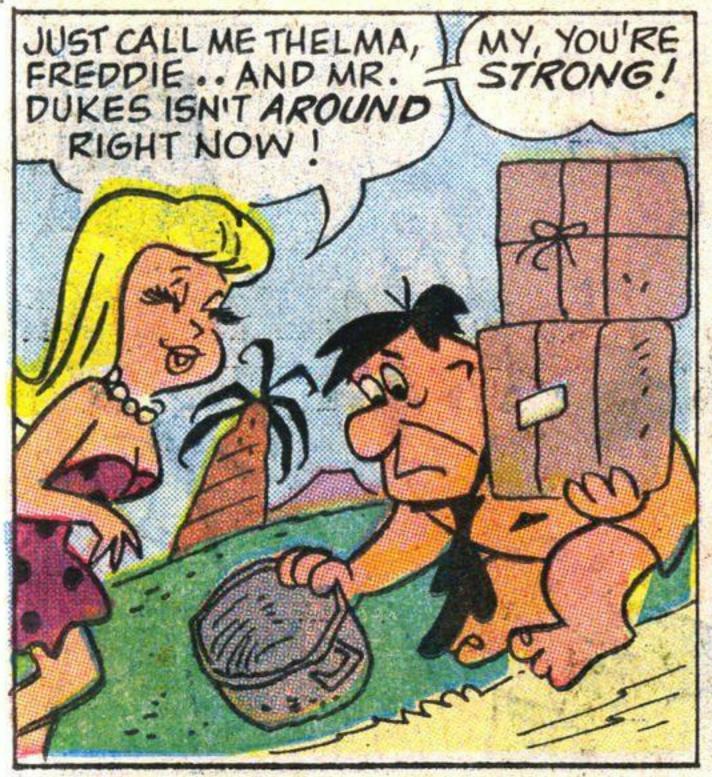


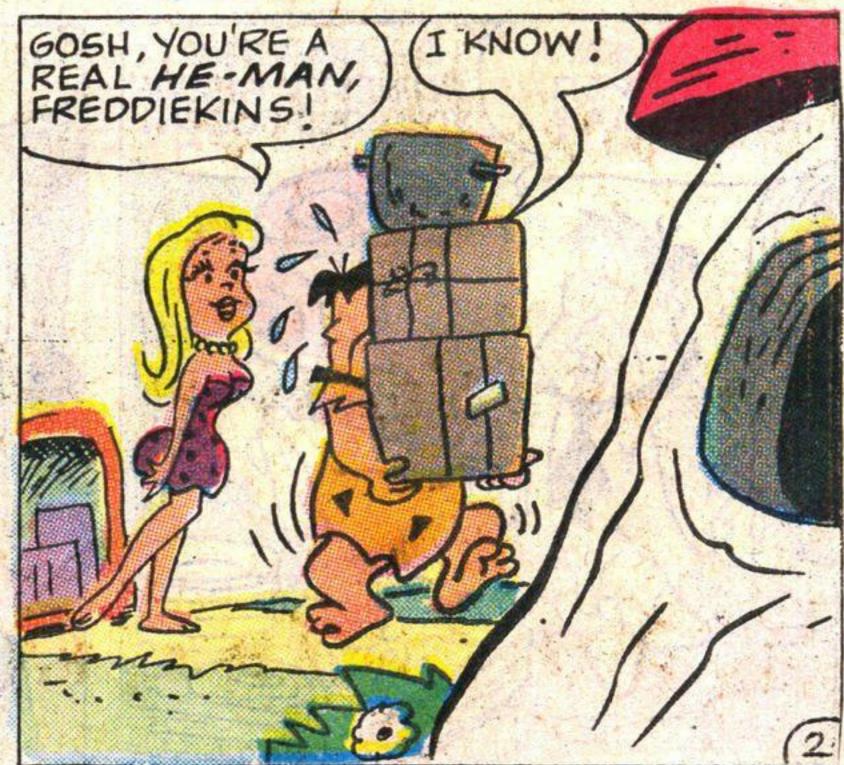






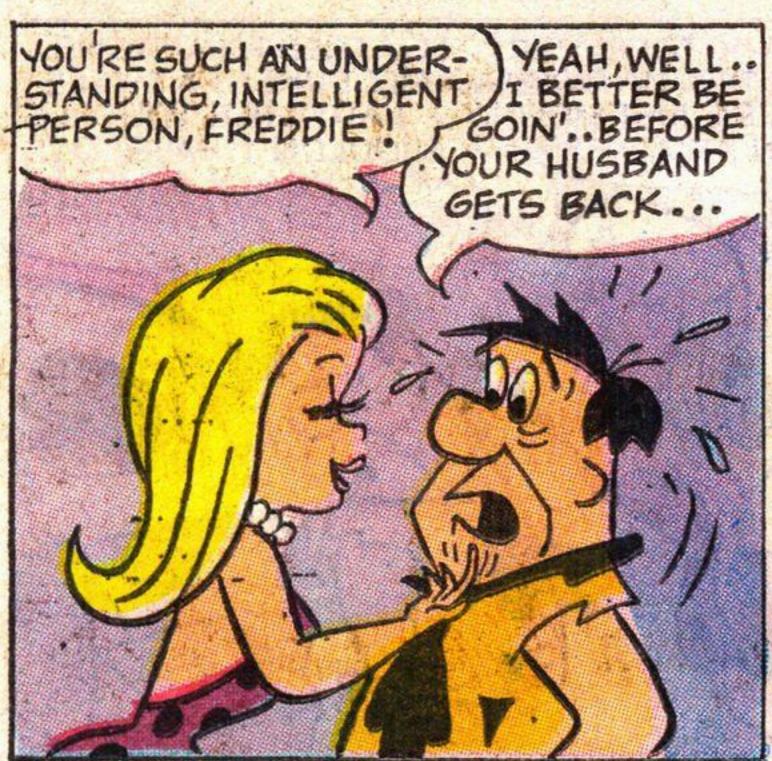










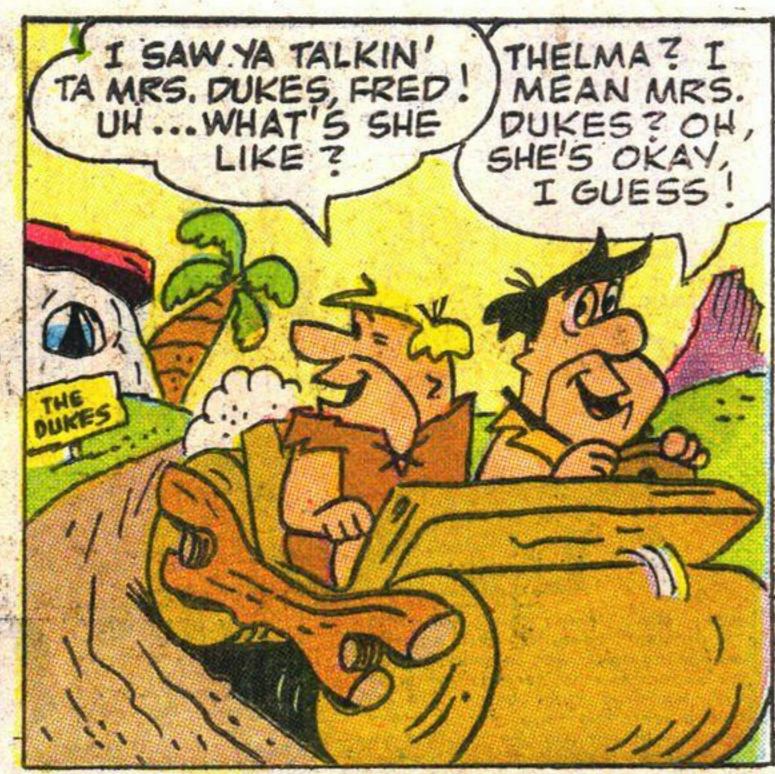




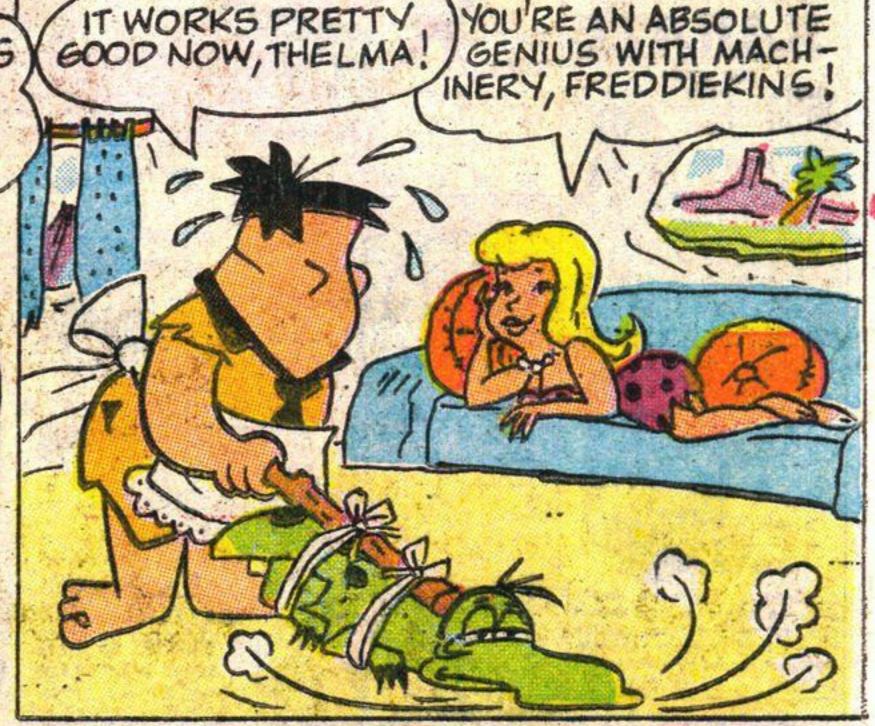


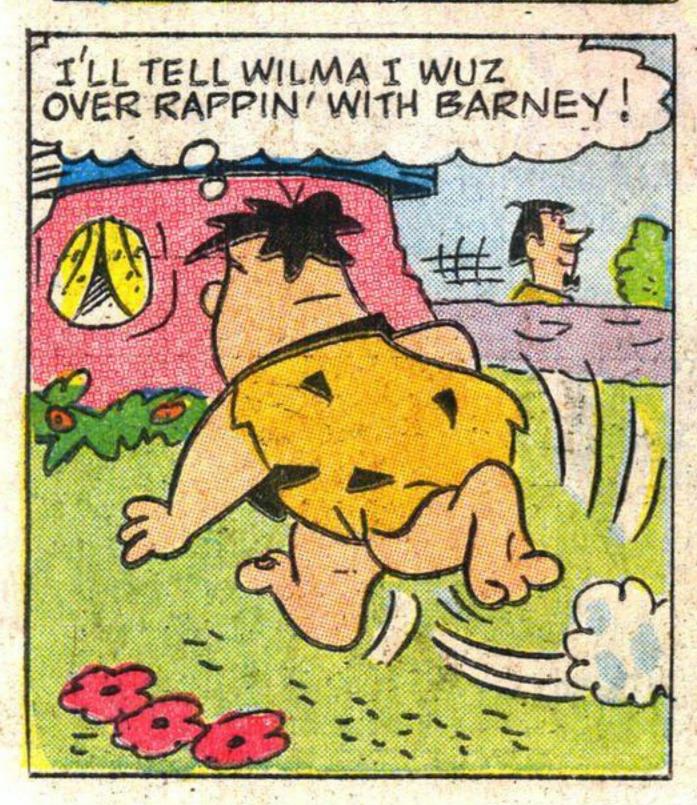


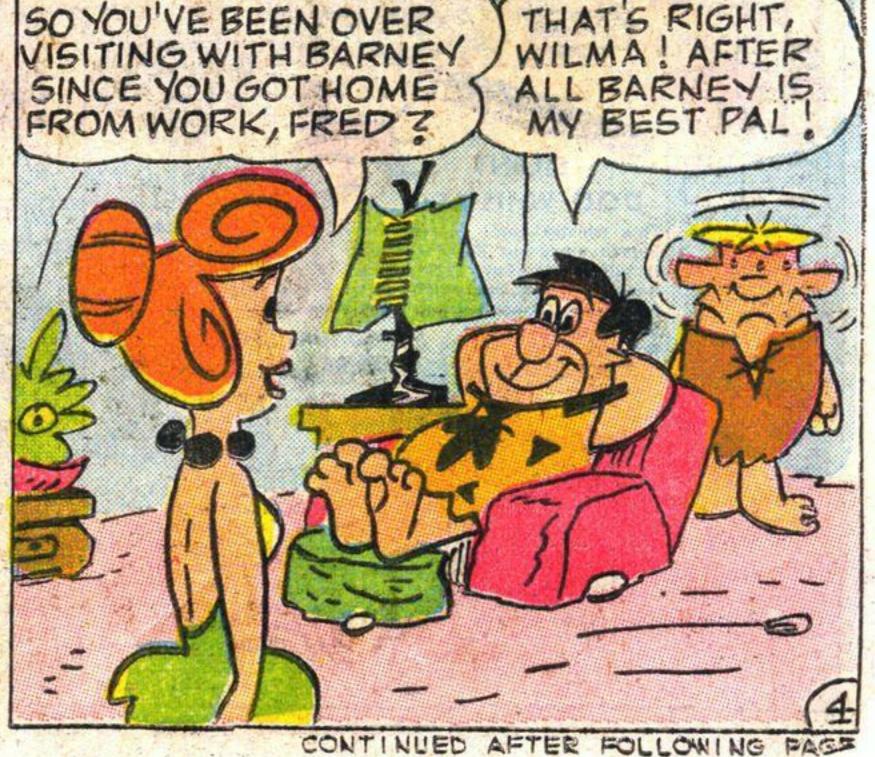


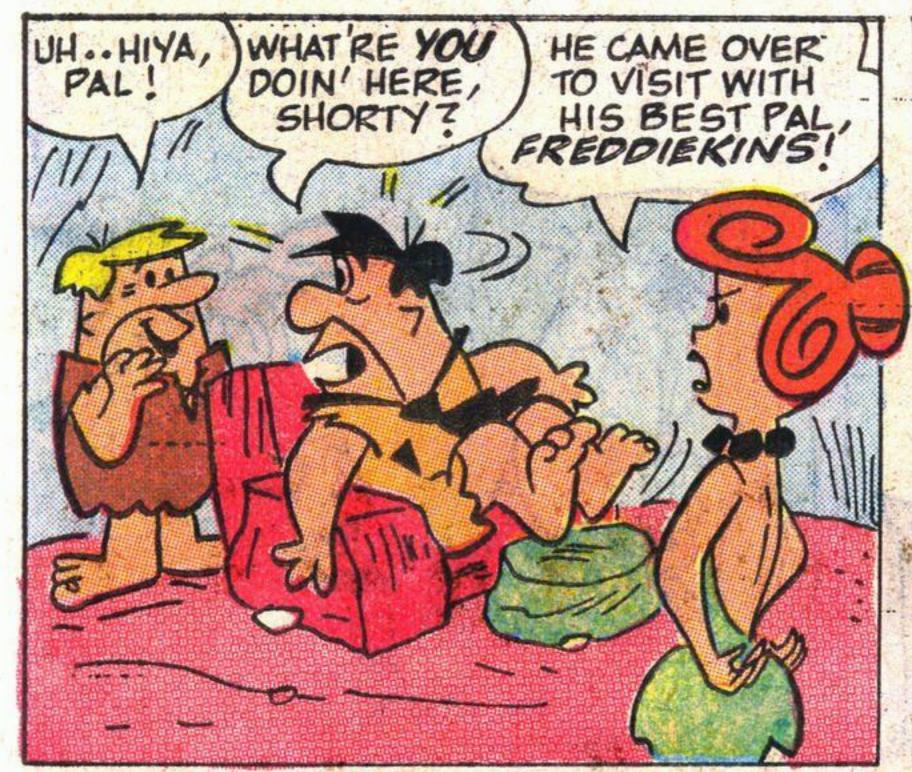


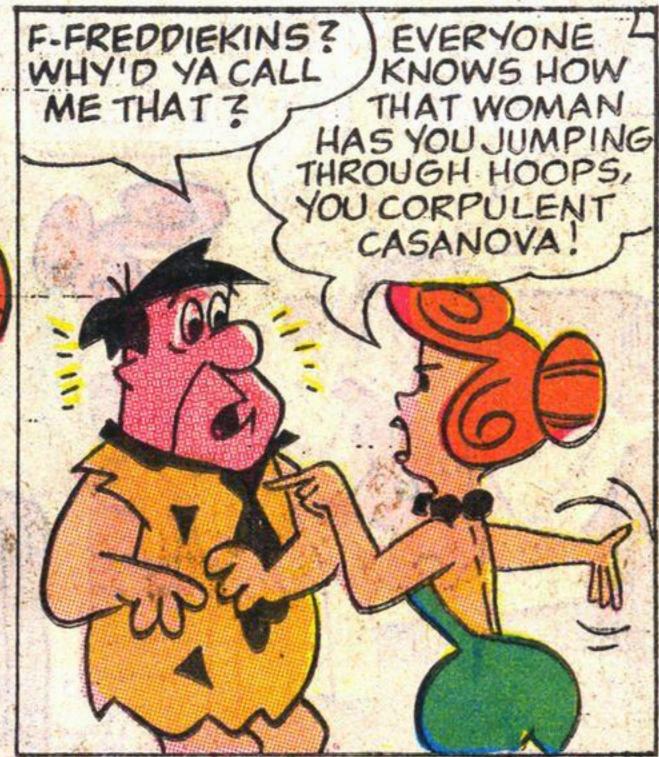


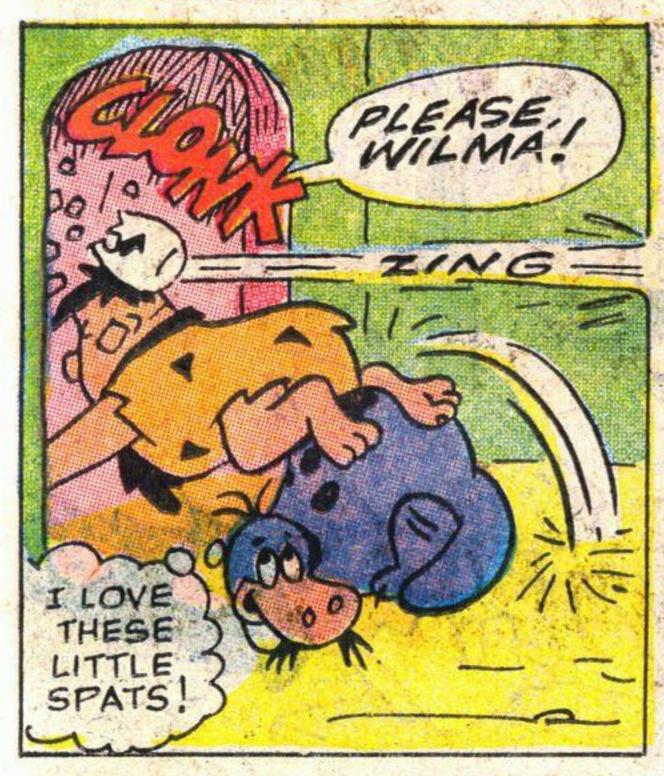


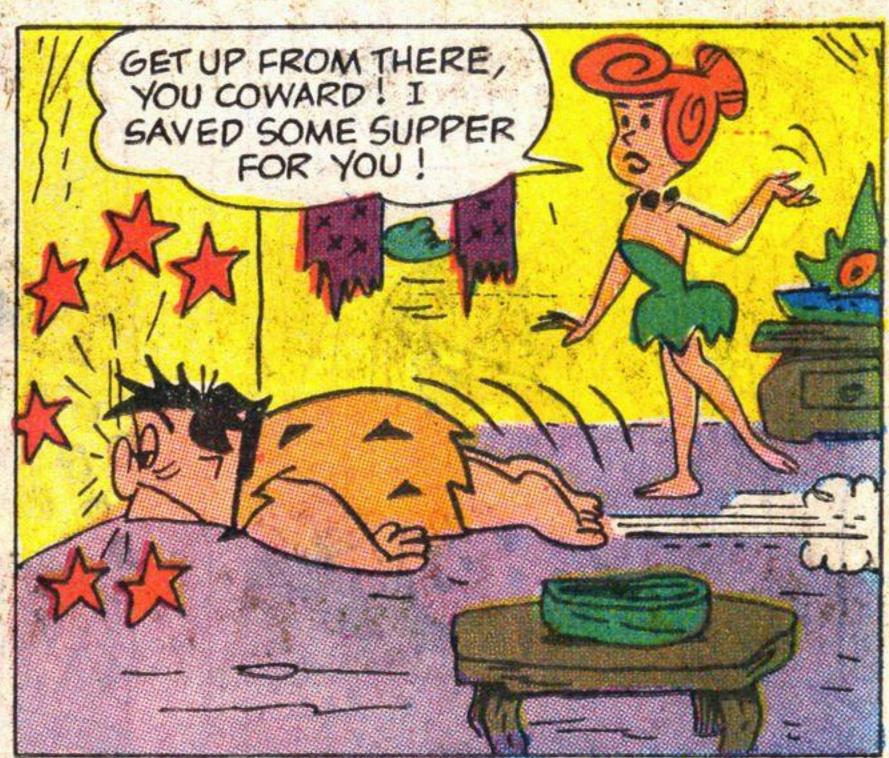




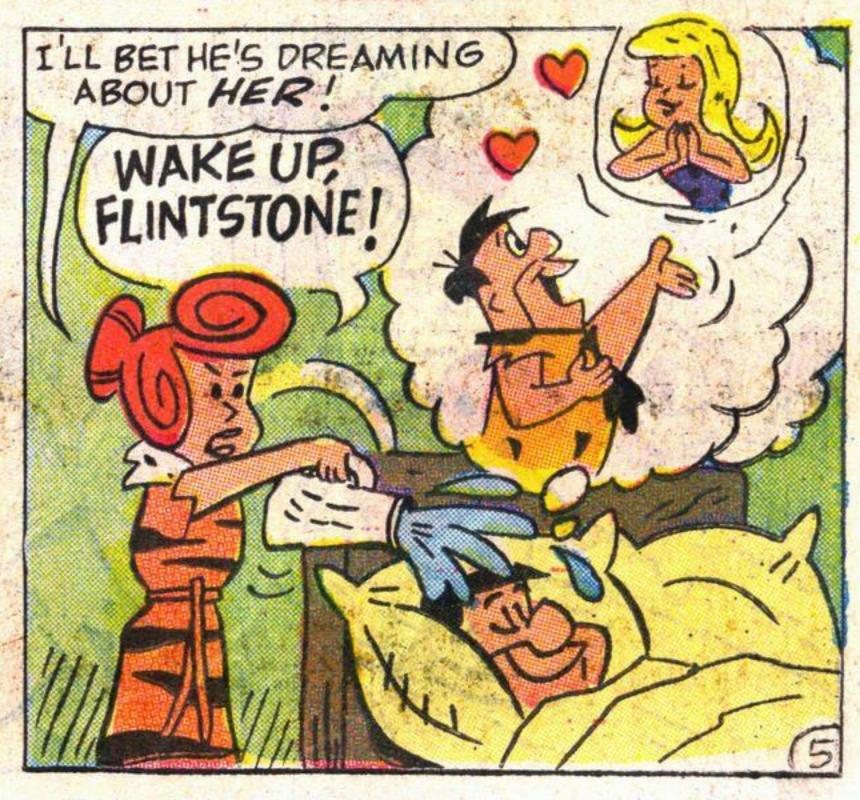






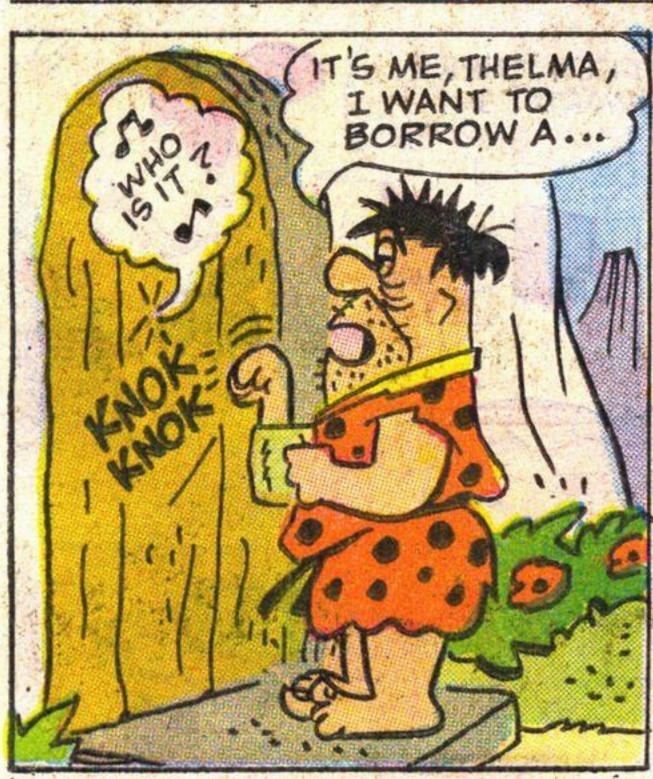




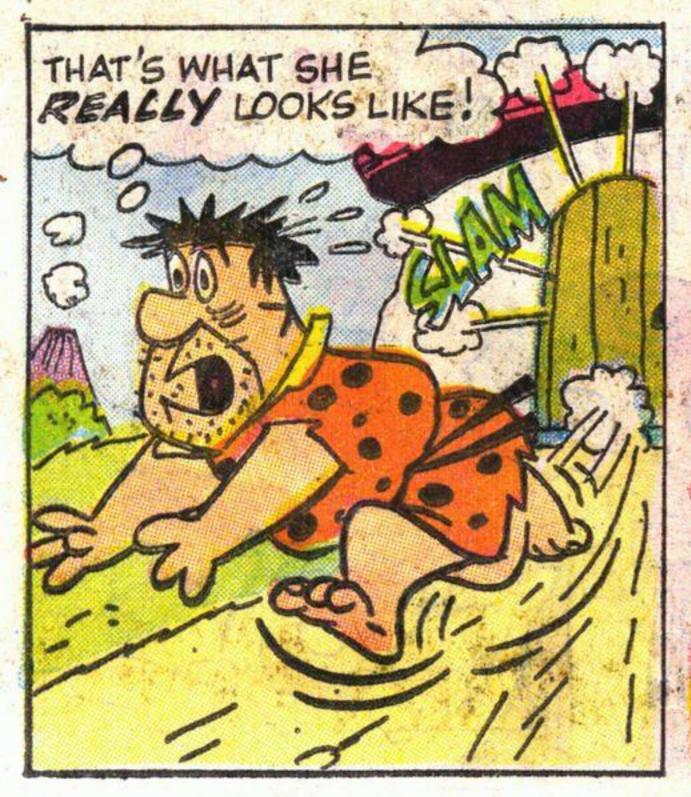


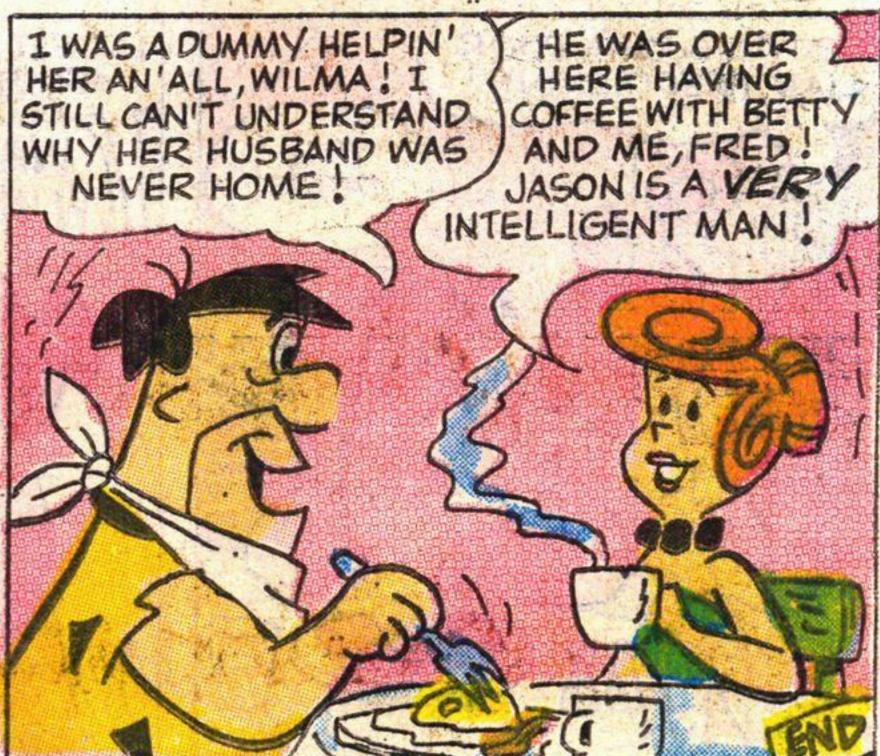


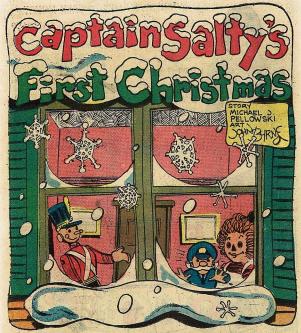












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Christmes is the hoppiest time of the year!" said the Christmes. Captain Salty was in a playreem with all of the other toys. The Captain was standing on a tay that looking out through a window at the stow. Captain Salty never sow snow before. He never sow winter, or even Christmes before. Captain Salty was anyl recently saven tegether. Temprare would be the Captain's first Christmas.

Captain Salty wasn't an ordinary toy, sailor dell. The Captain had the power to walk and talk and think. He had feelings just like a real person. He had been made in a magic, toy shop by an old magician. Some of the magician's magic rubbed off on the Captain when he was sown together.

The Captain was a popular doll. He had lets of friends among the other toys. The Captain was the Skipper of two toy boats. He used his ships to help and entertain the other toys. He was a good sailor, a good toy and a good friend. Everyone liked him.

"What is going on downstairs?" asked the Captain.
"They are trimming the Christmas tree. It is an old,
American custom dating back to the American

Revolution." answered a toy selider.

"The little boy who owns us and his parents always do a bequiful job." added a Raggedy Ann doll.

"Soon, they will go to bed. Santa will bring all new toys because the little boy was good all year." answered a toy elf.

"I've heard of Santa Claus, I wish I could go downstairs, I'd like to say 'Hi,' to Santa and see the Christmas tree, I've never seen a Christmas tree. This is my first Christmas." said Captain Salty.

"We'll take you down to see the tree." answered

the soldier "Sure. When the people go to sleep, we'll sneak downstairs." said Raggedy Ann.

"We won't see Santa. Only special people ever get to see Santa." added the toy elf.

"If I can see the tree, I'll be happy." admitted Captain Salty. The toys in the toy room waited until the people

went to sleep and all of the house lights were out. Captain Salty was as nervous as a toy hen on a plastic egg. He couldn't wait to go downstairs. He wanted to see the Christmas tree and all of the new toys. "When can we go downstairs?" he asked.

"Soon," answered the elf.

Suddenly, the toys heard a jolly voice call "Merry Christmas to all!" Captain Salty quickly looked out of



the window. He saw a plump man dressed in a red suit. The man was sitting in a sleigh. The sleigh was being pulled up into the air by tiny, flying reindeer. Captain Salty smiled. He knew the man was Santa

"Ya-Hoo!" yelled Captain Salty. He happed off the toy box and ran towards the hallway.

The group of toys sneaked down the dark staircase. They peeked into the living room. A fire was burning



tree was gigantic. Shiny tinsel, blinking lights and bright ornaments covered all of the pine tree's branches. A twinkling star was on the very top of the tree, "It's wonderful!" exclaimed the Captain.

"Look at all the toys under it." shouted the toy elf. The group of toys rushed to the bottom of the stairs. They ran under the tree to meet new friends and to test the new, mechanical toys.

"Merry Christmas!" shouted new teddy bears. mechanical dogs and beautiful dolls. Merry Christmas!" answered the old tovs.

There were toy airplanes, electric trains, wind-up cars and toy trucks under the tree. "Look here!" shouted Raggedy Ann. "Santa has left something for Captain Salty," she said. Captain Salty rushed over to her. He saw a shiny, brand new, battery-powered, iwy jeep with his name on it. He smiled. He hopped behind the wheel. He started the engine. He put it into fourwheel drive and drove across the thick, shag carpet. The elf called to Captain Salty. "How do you like your first Christmas?" he asked.

"I love it! I love it because it is Christmas and not just because it's my first Christmas. Christmas is love." answered the happy sailor doll. The other toys smiled. They knew Captain Salty was right.

















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